

HIV/AIDS Profile: Venezuela

Demographic Indicators

Population (1,000s)	23,543	Growth Rate (%)	1.6
Infant Mortality Rate (per 1,000)		Life Expectancy	
Both Sexes	26	Both Sexes	73
Male	30	Male	70
Female	22	Female	76
Crude Birth Rate (per 1,000)	21	Crude Death Rate (per 1,000)	5
Percent Urban	86	Total Fertility Rate	2.5
Note: Above indicators are for 2000.			

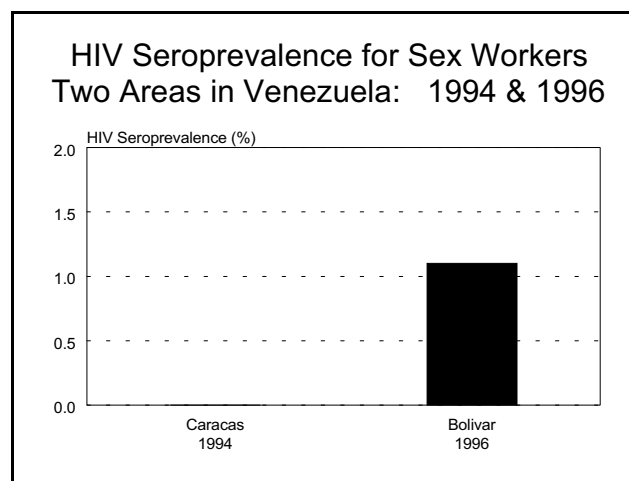
Estimated % of adults living with HIV/AIDS, end 1999	0.5 %		
Cumulative AIDS rate (per 1,000) as of 3/31/98	0.32		
Cumulative AIDS cases as of 3/31/98	7282		
Sources: U.S. Census Bureau, Population Reference Bureau, UNAIDS, World Health Organization.			

Epidemiological Data

Epidemic State: Concentrated

There is little information about the HIV epidemic in Venezuela. HIV prevalence among sex workers ranged from no evidence of infection to 4 percent during the first half of the 1990s. Limited data from 1996-97 show that there were no infections among pregnant women.

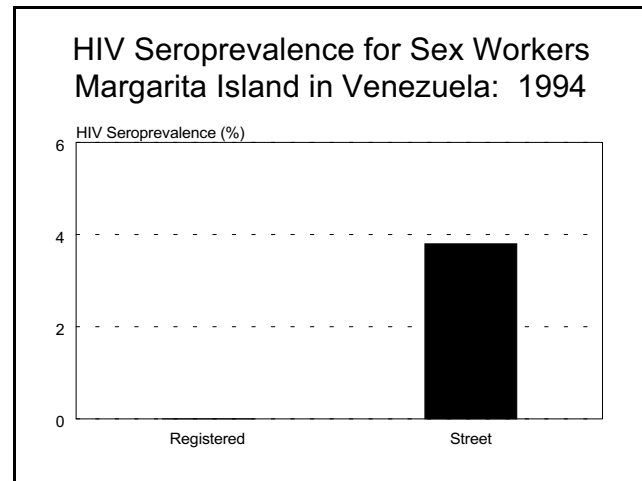
- Between 1994 and 1996 HIV seroprevalence among sex workers in two areas ranged from no evidence of infection in Caracas, the capital, in 1994 to 1 percent in Bolivar State in 1996.



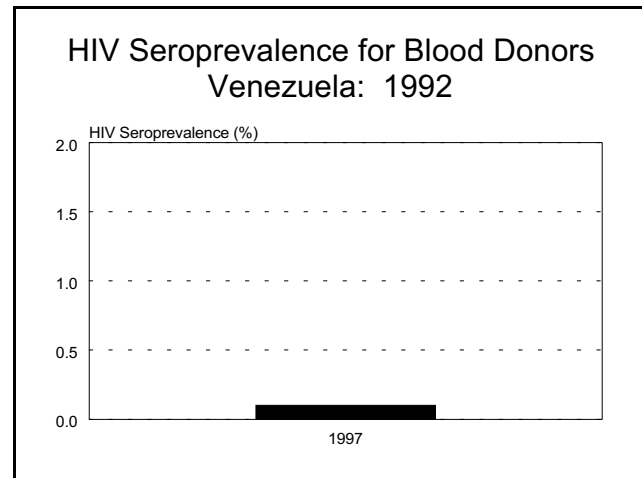
Source: International Programs Center, Population Division, U.S. Census Bureau, HIV/AIDS Surveillance Data Base, June 2000.

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- Margarita Island is located in the Caribbean Sea, not far from the coast of Venezuela. The main industries are tourism and fishing. HIV prevalence in 1994 among sex workers varied by type of sex work. Among registered sex workers, there was no evidence of infection; among street sex workers, 4 percent were HIV positive.



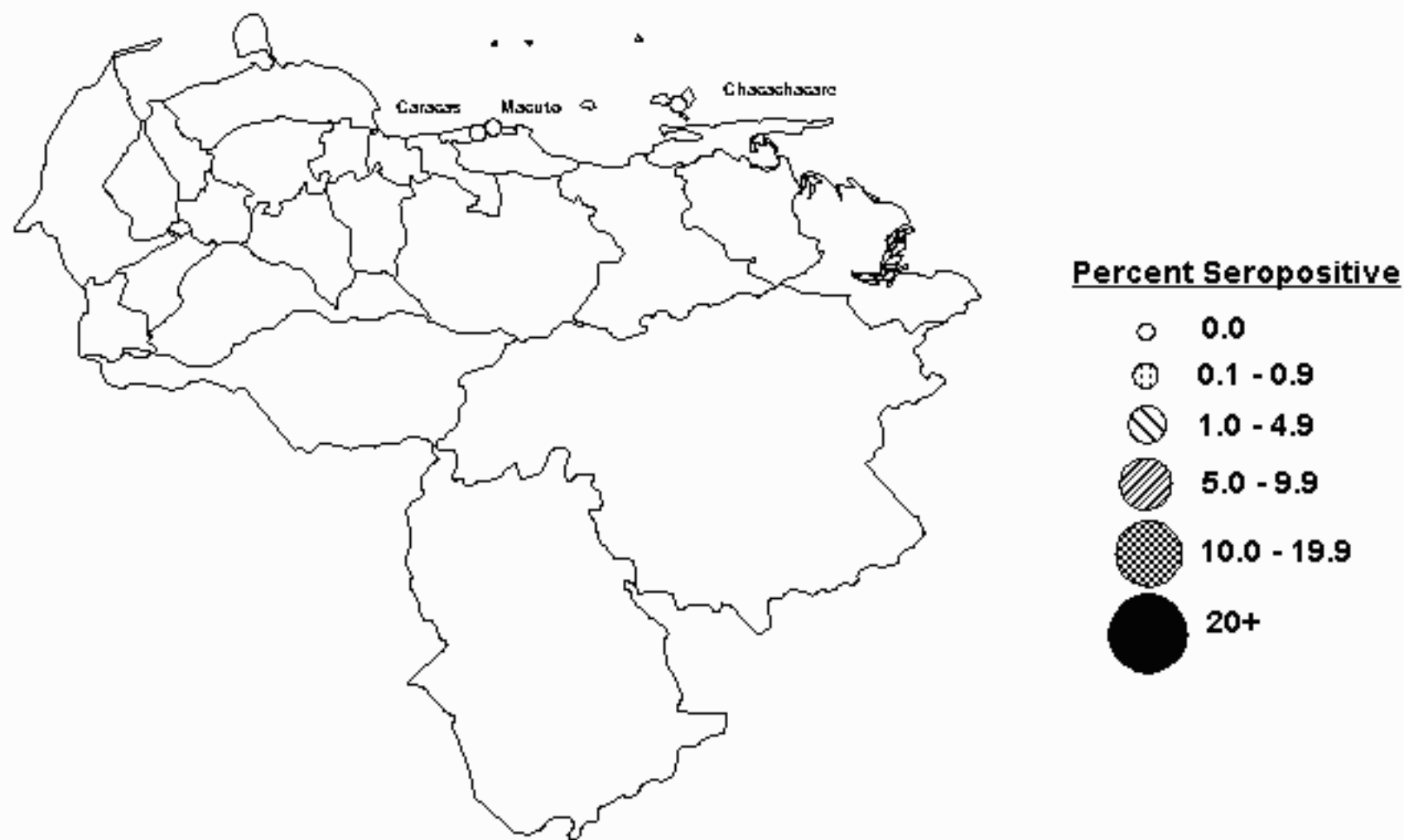
- In an unspecified location in Venezuela, HIV seroprevalence among blood donors was well under 1 percent in 1992.



Pregnant women were tested for the HIV virus in Caracas, Macuto, and Chacachacare in 1996-97. No evidence of infection was found. The women tested in Chacachacare were partners of fishermen from the nearby island of Macanao.

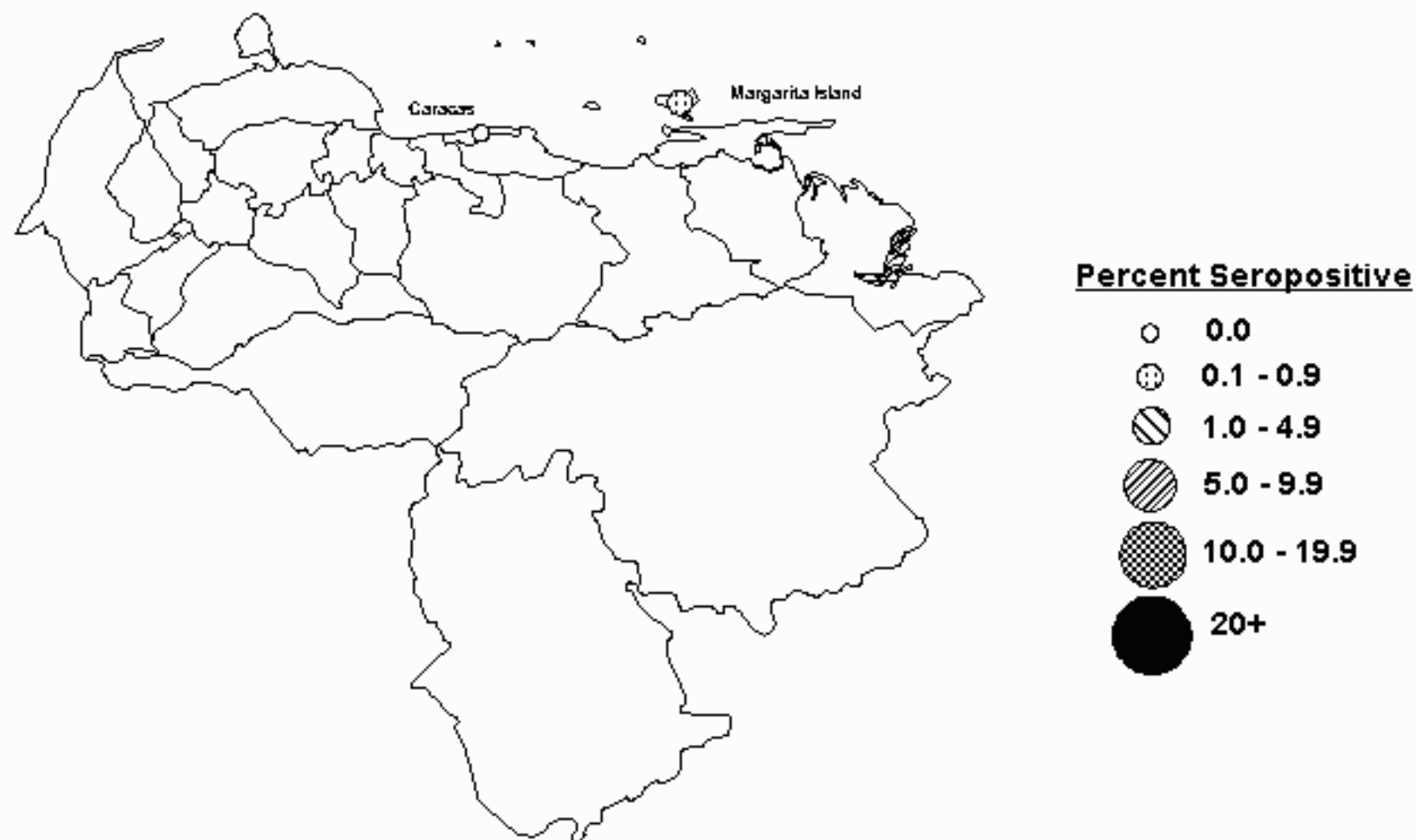
Seroprevalence of HIV-1 for Pregnant Women

Venezuela: 1996-1997



Seroprevalence of HIV-1 for Sex Workers

Venezuela: 1994



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